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therefrom: they each dry thirty quarters of wheat at the expense of two bushels of coals, in the time of a common working day at this season of the year, and I doubt not if the kilns are kept at work night and day, which as a measure of economy should be the case, more than double thirty quarters would be dried. I consider your kiln of great utility, and most sincerely hope you will derive all the advantage you merit from the discovery thereof.

You are perfectly at liberty to refer any gentleman to me upon the subject of your kilns, as I shall feel most happy to assist towards their general adoption.

I am, Sir,

&c. &c. &c.

E. F. HOWIS.

To Mr. Jones, Jun., Holborn.

No. III.

PREVENTION OF FORGERY.

The THANKS of the Society were presented to Messrs. PERKINS and HEATH, for their liberal compliance with the wish of the Society to be furnished with one of their most recent and improved Specimens for Bank Notes. The following letter was received on the subject from those gentlemen.

SIR, 69, Fleet-street, Dec, 19, 1825.

IN submitting to the consideration of the Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures, and Commerce, specimens for their renewed Report upon the prevention of Bank-note Forgeries, we deem it unnecessary to make

many remarks, inasmuch as the subject was very fully discussed in a communication we had the honour of forwarding to your Society in 1820, and which was inserted in vol. xxxviii of the Transactions. The experience we have since had, tends, if possible, still more firmly to convince us, that the best security for bankers' notes against forgery is to be found in a combination of the talents of the greatest number of first rate artists (which may be practicable) in the formation of a note. With this view we have sent you the two plates that appear in your present report, and which do not contain more elaborate work or security than many notes now actually in circulation that we have executed for country bankers.

The plate with the writing upon it is of course intended for the face, and that without writing for the back of a note, the two together being intended to represent but one note.

With these brief remarks we leave it to those interested in the subject to judge, whether, if a forgery of such a note were attempted, it would be practicable to succeed in such a manner as to pay any thing like the expense incurred in the undertaking. To prevent misapprehension, we may be permitted to remark, that a note similar to the specimen would be produced at our usual prices, as our desire to increase the difficulties of forgery has ever induced us to charge the same price for a superior as for an inferior description of note.

We are, Sir,

&c. &c. &c.

PERKINS & HEATH.

A. Aikin, Esq.
Secretary, &c. &c.